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Ollie the Owl



Ollie was a strikingly good-looking owl that lived in the forest glen. He had green eyes, orange colored feathers and a yellow beak. Ollie's favorite thing to do was to eat little red worms.

One evening as Ollie sat "hooting" on a tree limb he began to feel lonesome. He thought to himself, *"I sure would like to have a best friend. I must search the forest to find one."*

On the first night of his search, Ollie flew to a new tree. As he sat perched on a limb, he called out, "Whoo-oo? Whoo-oo? Whoo-oo will be my best friend?" Beneath him a lovely doe looked up saying, "Not me, I already have a best friend."

On the next night of his search, as Ollie sat perched on the same limb, he called out, "Whoo-oo? Whoo-oo? Whoo-oo will be my best friend?" On a tree limb nearby a sleepy squirrel said to Ollie, "Shhhh! I'm trying to sleep and I already have a best friend."

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Ollie the Owl, part 2

On the third night of his search, as he sat perched on the same limb, he called out, "Whoo-oo? Whoo-oo? Whoo-oo will be my best friend?" A tree lizard hiding under a leaf said to him with an irritated voice, "Why don't you go to **another** tree and look for a friend. You have kept me awake for three nights, and **I** already have a best friend."

On the next night of his search, Ollie flew to a new tree. As he sat perched on a tree limb, he called out, "Whoo-oo, Whoo-oo? Whoo-oo will be my best friend?" He called and called for hours until it was almost sunrise. Finally, Ollie heard a small voice from below saying to him, "I will be your best friend. I don't have a best friend either." Ollie looked around to see who was talking. A little red worm popped his head up from the ground. "My name is Hoover. I will be your best friend if you promise not to eat me." Ollie agreed not to eat him saying, "We will be best friends forever."

On the fifth night Ollie was no longer searching for a best friend. As he sat perched on a tree limb, he called out for all to hear, "Hoo-oover! Hoo-oover! Hoo-oover is my new best friend!"

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Answer the questions about the story: Ollie the Owl

1. What does the adjective *strikingly* mean?
 - a. noticeable qualities
 - b. hitting something
 - c. quitting work
2. What does the word *glen* mean in this story?
 - a. the name of a boy
 - b. secluded narrow valley
 - c. something shiny
3. What color were Ollie's eyes? _____
What color were his feathers? _____
What color was his beak? _____
4. At the beginning of the story, what was Ollie's favorite thing to do?

5. Why did Ollie want a best friend? _____

6. What does the word "perched" mean in the story?
 - a. to rest upon
 - b. a type of fish
 - c. buying something
7. What characters talked to Ollie? _____,
_____, _____, _____
8. How many nights did Ollie sit *perched* on a tree limb? _____
9. Why did the squirrel say *shhhh!* to Ollie? _____

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10. How many nights did Ollie keep the tree lizard awake? _____

11. How many times did Ollie fly to a new tree? _____

12. What is a doe? _____

13. Where was the squirrel sleeping? _____

The tree lizard? _____

14. On the fourth night, how long did Ollie call out for a best friend?

15. What was the little red worm's name? _____

16. What promise did Ollie have to make in order for the worm to become his best friend? _____

17. What adjectives were used to describe the doe? _____

the squirrel? _____

the lizard's voice? _____

the worm? _____ & _____

18. What do you think is *ironic* about this story? *Ironic* means the actual result differs from the expected result.

19. Why did the author use words like Whoo-oo and Hoo-oover?

20. What is the author's reason for using **bold** print?

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Answers to Ollie the Owl

1. a. noticable qualities
2. b. a secluded narrow valley
3. green, orange, yellow
4. eat little red worms
5. He was beginning to feel lonesome
6. a. to rest upon
7. doe, squirrel, tree lizard, worm
8. 5
9. He was trying to sleep.
10. 3 nights
11. 2 times
12. a female deer
13. on a nearby limb, under a leaf
14. all night long
15. Hoover
16. He would not eat him.
17. lovely, sleepy, irritated, little & red
18. Ollie's favorite thing to do was to eat red worms. Now a red worm has become his best friend.
19. An owl makes a similar "hooting" sound
20. So the reader will put emphasis on those words as he/she reads the story.

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